

CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A washout system for cleaning concrete and other materials from the inside surface of a concrete mixer drum with a fluid, the concrete mixer drum mounted to a concrete truck or the like, the fluid stored in a predetermined fluid source with the fluid source activatable to release fluid, the washout system comprises:

a telescoping pipe assembly extendible into the mixer drum, the telescoping pipe assembly having a first end and a second end, the first end fluidly connected to the fluid source;

a spray bar fluidly connected to the second end of the telescoping pipe assembly; and
a plurality of nozzles positioned circumferentially about and longitudinally along the spray bar;

wherein upon ~~activation of the fluid source, thereby~~ introducing fluid into the telescoping pipe assembly, the second end of the telescoping pipe assembly automatically extends into the mixer drum;

wherein the telescoping pipe assembly has an automatic return system such that the spray bar automatically retracts into the telescoping pipe upon deactivation of the fluid source and the telescoping pipe assembly retracting from within the mixer drum.

Claim 2 (original): The washout system of claim 1 wherein the telescoping pipe assembly has a plurality of pipe sections, each pipe section being receivable within an adjacent pipe section.

Claim 3 (original): The washout system of claim 1 wherein the nozzles direct fluid in at least substantially all directions to the inside surface within the mixer drum.

Claim 4 (original): The washout system of claim 1 wherein the nozzles are recessed.

Claim 5 (original): The washout system of claim 1 wherein the fluid source is mounted to the concrete truck.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The washout system of claim 1 wherein the telescoping pipe assembly has an angle ~~relative to the ground~~ is substantially equivalent to the interior layout of the mixer drum.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (currently amended): The washout system of claim 1 7 wherein the automatic return system is selected from the group consisting of a weight and pulley and a spring.

Claim 9 (original): The washout system of claim 1 wherein the telescoping pipe assembly has a manual return system for manually retracting the spray bar and telescoping pipe assembly from within the mixer drum.

Claims 10 – 20 (previously canceled)